

Bert
Ralph
Sorenson

Vern Wardell. - 1848
Val Warnick. - 2885

Pict of Barn Barn Identity

Name of Original Owner: (Pict., Hist., Ped., FGS)

? Emory Bushner
Gary Coleman - 3397

so center Midway
The exact date the barn was built is unknown but is believed to be around the early 1900's. The barn has not always been at 112 S Center, in Midway, as the story goes, but was owned by the William L. Van Wagoner family who lived just up the street on Main and Center during this time. The Van Wagoner Family used the barn for milking cows, and the boys played "cops and robbers" in the barn. At some point in time the barn was purchased and moved carefully down the street where it is now. After the Wardell's moved to Midway Vern always had sheep, and cows in the barnyard, and in the field across the road. The milking stalls were used in the red barn, as was the large north side to store hay. During the years the old barn has seen many a lamb, and calf born, kittens hiding in the hay, and the squeals of children and grandchildren swinging on ropes in the hay barn. Vern loved his big red barn and maintained it well. When he was about 70 years old Vern painted the barn and had a new tin roof put on. Although homes surround the old red barn in downtown Midway and it only now houses a few pigeons, and yard equipment, the Wardell children and grandchildren can still remember how much fun it was to go on an adventure in the big red barn.

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